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To: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair  
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### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

#### State Budget Update

Today marks the 56<sup>th</sup> day of the State Budget stalemate with no apparent end in sight. According to many in Sacramento, including Governor Schwarzenegger, yesterday was the final deadline to approve measures to be included on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot. This deadline was important because a number of the compromise budget proposals being discussed, such as borrowing against future lottery revenues, a spending cap, a rainy day fund, and a temporary sales tax increase, would require voter approval. The Senate is scheduled to meet everyday, while there will be no Assembly Floor Session from Tuesday through Thursday.

#### Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

**SB 1780 (Ridley-Thomas)**, as proposed to be amended, which is pending at the Assembly desk would: 1) terminate the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (Commission), nullify the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) among the County, City of Los Angeles and the Sixth District Agricultural Association-California Science Center and potentially jeopardize the recently negotiated long-term agreement between the Commission and the University of Southern California; 2) create the Exposition Park Authority Board (Authority) consisting of 15 members designated or appointed as specified below, which would assume all the rights, obligations, and duties of the

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Commission/JPA; and 3) vest the new Exposition Authority with sole jurisdiction and control over the management and operation and disposition of any and all State-owned real and personal property located in Exposition Park, and the power to hire and fire the park manager. In addition, the new Authority would be able to exercise any and all powers formerly held by the Commission.

The members of the new Authority would be appointed or designated as follows:

- One public member appointed by the Governor;
- One public member appointed by the Senate Rules Committee;
- One public member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;
- The Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency, or his or her designee appointed by the Governor;
- The Executive Director of the California Science Center, or his or her designee appointed by the Science Center Board;
- Three members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, one of whom shall be the member representing the Second Supervisorial District and the other two to be selected by the County Board of Supervisors;
- Three members of the Los Angeles City Council, one of whom shall be the member representing the Eighth City Council District and the other two to be selected by the City Council;
- Two public members appointed by the Authority based upon their level of financial contribution or development, or both contribution and development, to Exposition Park and the Expo/University Park Redevelopment Project; and
- The Member of the Assembly and the Member of the Senate who represent the district that includes Exposition Park, as ex officio, non-voting members.

With the exception of scheduling of park events and the resolution of conflicts, the Authority's jurisdiction would not extend to the internal management and operation of the several museums located in Exposition Park, or to the facilities owned or leased by the City and/or the County of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Unified School District.

SB 1780 would authorize the Authority, with the approval of the State Director of General Services and the Legislature, to sell, lease with the option to purchase, exchange, or transfer for current market value or upon terms and conditions as the Authority determines are in the best interest of the State the parcel of property that the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena occupies.

In addition, SB 1780 would require the Authority to prepare a master plan for the long-range comprehensive economic development and improvement of Exposition Park and establish an advisory board that shall meet regularly with the park manager to improve communication and coordination among facilities and to consult with and advise the park manager on issues relating to the operations of Exposition Park.

The Authority would create an advisory board which would consist of a representative from each museum and tenant in Exposition Park, plus a representative from the University of Southern California. The advisory board shall meet regularly with the park manager to improve communication and coordination among facilities and to consult with, and advise the park manager, on any issues relating to the operations of the park in general.

The park manager would report directly to the Authority and: 1) be responsible for managing the common interests of the various entities in Exposition Park; 2) have the authority to coordinate and manage parkwide affairs on a full-time basis; and 3) be responsible for and control of all lease and other contract negotiations entered into with entities that contract with the Authority relating to the use of Exposition Park and facilities within the park, subject to approval by the Authority.

SB 1780 is substantially similar to **County-opposed SB 1060 (Ridley-Thomas)**, which died earlier this year in the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee. The major difference between the two bills is that SB 1060 included nine members on the Authority and SB 1780 includes 15, and that SB 1060 required the Authority to sell the parcel of property that the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena occupies whereas SB 1780 authorizes the sale of the parcel of property the Arena occupies.

This office is opposed to SB 1780. Opposition to SB 1780 is consistent with previous Board actions to oppose SB 1060 (Ridley-Thomas) of 2008, AB 261 (Wright) of 2001, AB 260 (Wright) of 1999, and similar bills which would have eliminated the Coliseum Commission and created a new State-controlled agency to assume management and operation of Exposition Park, including the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Sports Arena. **Therefore, the Sacramento advocates will oppose SB 1780 as proposed to be amended.**

Support and opposition to SB 1780 as proposed to be amended is currently unknown but will likely be similar to support and opposition to SB 1060. SB 1060 had no official supporters, but was opposed by Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, and the University of Southern California. SB 1780 is currently pending amendment and a vote on the Assembly Floor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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